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IF Directorate awards contract to General Dynamics

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded a contract modification valued at \$24,999,850 to General Dynamics Government Systems Corp. of Thousand Oaks, Calif.

The contract modification increases the level of effort and extends the current contract through December, to allow for development of major enhancements to the Imagery Exploitation Support System (IESS) that will meet requirements for the national and tactical intelligence communities.

"This is a continuation of a contract first awarded in 1997, and sponsored by the National Imagery Mapping Agency," said Douglas G. Wynne, program manager in the directorate's Information and Intelligence Exploitation Division. "Efforts under this contract will include software development, soft-

ware maintenance, new site installations, and upgrades to existing IESS sites."

The IESS provides exploitation organizations with capabilities to manage imagery, imagery-derived products and services in response to customer requirements, and distribute those products to the customer within timelines consistent with mission requirements

"IESS is the Department of Defense standard imagery exploitation and dissemination system, and provides exploitation organizations with capabilities to manage and/or produce imagery and imagery-derived products that meet their mission requirements in a timely manner," said Wynne. "The system is used to provide imagery management and distribution capability to united commands, as well as deployed units at more than 60 sites worldwide." @